

Appln No. 09/690,796

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**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 1, 5-10, 16, 17, 22, 42, 50-52, 55-59, 61, 92, 107, 108, 110, 113, and 114 are currently pending. Claims 2-4, 11-15, 18-21, 23-41, 43-49, 53, 54, 60, 62-91, 93-106, 109, 111, 112, and 115-121 are cancelled.

Claims 1-121 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which application regards as the invention. In view of the amendments to the above claims, there are only 25 pending claims remaining in this application, therefore, it is respectfully requested that the above rejection be withdrawn.

Examiner also requests a copy of 1449 forms and non-patent literature submitted with the IDSs of 3/28/01, 5/2/01, 3/8/02, 9/9/02, 7/30/03, 10/29/03, and 9/21/04. In a telephone conversation with Examiner on November 23, 2004, Examiner acknowledged that these references were scanned and located on the USPTO PAIR site. Applicants respectfully request consideration and acknowledgment of the IDSs by initialing and returning the copies of the IDSs.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that this application is now in condition

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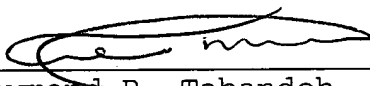
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for substantive examination and accordingly, a substantive examination of this application is respectfully requested.

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